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1. Mr. Arens, of the Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, called to inquire whether any progress had been made on their request to have access to certain aliens brought into this country by CIA under Section 8 procedures. I informed Mr. Arens that due to the change over in directorship it would still take a few days until the matter had been thoroughly discussed and that ~~xx~~ I would have an answer by the first of March. He informed me that this would be quite satisfactory. Shortly thereafter, in a meeting with Mr. Mackey, Commissioner of Immigration, he requested a list of the names of all CIA Section 8 cases. Commissioner Mackey called [redacted] who subsequently requested a meeting with Mr. Wisner, [redacted] and myself, in which the entire matter was discussed. It was agreed that I would attempt to reach an agreement with Arens on the basis of the Committee submitting questions for CIA to ask these aliens. If this were to fail, a meeting between Mr. Dulles and Sen. Watkins would be recommended and a possible offer to allow the Committee to interrogate a selected few aliens. [redacted] was also to inform Mr. Mackey that we would not leave him in the middle and would protect him in every way in this matter in supporting a refusal to release the names.

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2. Mr. Hansen, Chairman of the EDAC Steering Committee, called a meeting in connection with Sen. McCarthy's request for information on the China trade. (See my memo for the Director this date).

3. Discussed with Mr. Dulles the release of the Deputy Director bill to the appropriate Congressional Committees which he has approved. I informed Roger Jones, of the Bureau of the Budget, and Mr. Adams, Deputy General Counsel of the Department of Defense, that the President has stricken out the clause which stated that a military officer assigned to the position of Deputy Director would

be in addition to the numbers and percentages authorized by law for that grade. Mr. Shanley, Counsel for the White House, informed me privately, however, that through Col. Carroll of the White House staff the Defense Department had been informed that there was no objection to their attempting to have that provision restored to the bill, but that the White House itself did not wish to approve it.